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Chilocco's Last Commencement Features Mrs. Carmen Griffin Fife

The Chilocco Commencement Exercises will be held on May 9, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of Wheeler Hall. Eleven seniors will pass across the Chilocco stage for the last time.

The commencement speaker will be Mrs. Carmen Griffin Fife, a Creek Indian, from Dustin, Oklahoma. She attended Chilocco for four years and was Valedictorian of the class of 1934. She also attended the Santa Fe Indian School Arts and Crafts Teachers Training course for two years, graduating in 1936.

She attended Adams State Teachers College, Alamosa, Colorado and the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Okla.

She taught at Sherman Institute, Riverside, California and Graham Public School, Weleetka, Okla. She has also been an Indian Adult Education teacher.

Over the years she has been active in school, tribal and community affairs. She is a charter member of the Oklahoma Indian Women's Federation, a member of the Indian Women's Extension Homemakers Group; Indian Community Development; Creek Nation Tribal Election precinct worker; Okfuskee County Fair worker; 4-H Adult Leader; Home Demonstration Club; Title IV Committee, and Johnston-O'Mally Secretary. Mrs. Fife has also been a community news reporter for several local newspapers for years.

She has constantly served her community and tribe in an effort to stress the importance of education.

She and her husband James Fife have eight children, three of whom are Chilocco graduates.

Banquet and Prom, April 25

The Chilocco Junior - Senior Prom will be a Dinner - Dance to be held at the Heritage House in Arkansas City, Kansas on April 25, 1980. This will be a semi-formal dance for the intire school.

A Disco band from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma will be the host group for the gala affair.

Kool Ray & The Polaroids is the name of the band.

School Board, Supt. and Students Meet With Oklahoma Delegation

Last month the Chilocco School Board along with Supt. C. O. Tillman and two students, Damon McCarty and Chris Whitehorn flew to Washington, D. C. to try and get a contract to keep Chilocco operating next year through the Tonkawa tribe with direct management from the Ponca, Otoe, Tonkawa, Cherokee, Kaw and Osage tribes. This is a last ditch effort to keep the school open for all Indian youth.

The group met with part of the Oklahoma delegation which included Senator David Boren, Representative Glenn English and Senator Henry Bellmon. As of this date nothing definite has been heard on how the school can be financed for another year.

The students did get to see and learn how the government operates on the Senate and House floors.

The "Light on the Prairie" Has Been Extinguished Forever

By DEE L. GREGORY
Principal

Someday in the future, some historian will pull together all the historical facts concerning the Chilocco Indian School. From these facts will emerge so many wonderful, beautiful, tragic, humorous, exciting, happy, and sad events. They will be so intriguing that a person will have to stretch the imagination to believe these things have really occurred at such a place as Chilocco.

Chilocco means many things to a lot of people. The image was never that of a cold traditional school, but rather a place of activity with the center of focus on activities involving both students and staff.

Chilocco in its early days was called the "light of the prairie." At the present time this "light" is flickering and in June of 1980, the "light" will be extinguished.

This event will be significant to many Indian youngsters who have been a part of the making of Chilocco, especially those of you who are presently enrolled.

The entire school staff have contributed in their own way to your education. As the school year ends, there is always the feeling that we might have done things better. You students will probably reflect as to whether you did the best you could in your school work.

As the school year 1979-80 winds down, we can hardly believe the many things that have happened to Chilocco. Regardless of the pressures, the school year progressed in an orderly manner. This can be attributed to the professionalism of the staff and the efforts of the student body.

The school staff extends its congratulations to the graduating seniors, hoping, that many of your goals will be reached as you join the "mainstream" of life.

To those who have further school years, we offer encouragement for you to continue your high school career wherever you choose.

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To All Chilocco Alumni:

Let's go back for the Alumni meeting this year just in case the school is closed. We learned so very much there and the things we learned of friendship and of caring employees (we couldn't have had better) prepared us for the life and world we were to live in as adults. I'm glad I had such a wonderful privilege.

Class of '41
Ethel Coleman Torres
Weleetka, OK.

ATTENTION ALUMNI! Banquet and Dance Scheduled May 24-25

On May 24 and 25 the Chilocco Alumni Association will hold their annual Alumni Banquet and Dance. Registration will begin at 7.00 a.m. on the 24th of May. All people interested in playing in the golf tournament should be here early to get registered so the committee can flight the participants.

We hope to have as many of the alumni attend this year as possible since this will probably be the last Alumni get-together on the Chilocco campus. We are scheduled to close on June 15, 1980.

The price for attending the Banquet and Dance will be $5.00 for members and $2.50 for guests. This year the association will honor the class of 1960. We members at the school hope to see as many of you as can possibly attend. Let's strive for at least 350 or more.

Incidently the Mchojah Brothers Band will play for the dance on Saturday night, May 24, 1980.

Arts-and Crafts Students Attend Youth Art Festival

Randy Rhodd entered two pencil drawings in the Eighth Annual High School Indian Art Show. The show was sponsored by the First American Student Association of Central State University in Edmond, Okla. It was held April 2-4, in conjunction with CSU's Indian Heritage Week activities.

The Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico is sponsoring their Second National Indian High School Art Exhibit. Two drawings by Curtis Simon will be entered.

Thirty-two art and crafts students attended the Third Annual Oklahoma Indian Youth Art Festival on March 26 in Oklahoma City. Okla. The art show was presented by the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. and The State Arts Council of Oklahoma. The show, held in the State Capitol Rotunda featured Indian artists of junior high school age and older. During the visit special festivities were held with the presentation of the "Best of Show" award to Freeman "Loga" Mitchell; special music by Karen Barnett of Shawnee High School, and tribal dancing by the Concho Indian School Dance Troupe.

In conjunction with the festival, fifteen Jerome Tiger originals were shown in the Governor's Art Gallery. The students enjoyed the variety and talent exhibited in the art work and touring the Capitol Building. Afterwards the group ate lunch at El Chico Restaurant.

Give Me Tomorrow

The American Indian is a proud man—often called a "Red Man"—a patient ever bearing man with the gift of being slow to anger. The trait not always seen in public places is his enjoyment of laughing.

The Indian loves his children deeply—and his home, and they know it because they can feel it and rest in that assurance.

He has always been called a man without emotion, but it is because he feels with his heart. His hurts,—and his love often hidden so that not even the eyes reveal his feeling.

A Christian Indian walks daily with God--not just on Sunday. He acknowledges God's gifts of land—sun—moon—stars—trees and water and does not abuse this privilege of such knowledge, nor abuse his knowledge of ways of the animal he must use for food—yet still he only takes what he must use as food. Sometimes slow to accept certain ways—not knowing if they would work, but always knowing that acceptance means adjustment: usually at a loss for him. He only wants to be himself and the right to remain Indian while adjusting to a cultural society, softly pleading—

—GIVE ME TOMORROW—

Ethel Torres

Annual Spring Pow Wow Scheduled for April 26 In Chilocco Gymnasium

On April 26, 1980 we will be having our annual spring pow wow in the school gym. If the weather permits it will be held in the football fields. We are anticipating a larger visiting crowd than last year since we will be having participants from the northern states attending.

We the Indian Club having been traveling throughout Oklahoma for the past twelve weeks advertising our pow wow. Each event which we attended we were well received and our students were presented with gifts on different occasions. Our school princess (Jeanne High Wolf) was recognized several times. We have two more trips planned before our pow wow which include Riverside Indian School and Apache, Oklahoma. These trips are necessary because each place we attend we have our school pow wow announced. We found- to advertise our pow wow in this manner (in person) it is much more effective compared to having it announced over the radio of TV.

Each year we the Indian Club appeal to each student to be on his or her best behavior because we feel that we are privileged and honored to be allowed to have this event each year. We will be having as our guests several Indian Clubs from different Indian schools and Universities plus visitors from South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, and from Lawton, Oklahoma who will be spending the night here on campus. We are also honored to have the Porcupine Singers from Pine Ridge, South Dakota who have confirmed that they will attend our pow wow. Since we are expecting a much larger crowd that last year any slight or bad incident will reflect on all our parents and relatives and friends who will be attending. And we certainly do not want them leaving us with any bad thoughts. Last year we were real proud because we had only one incident and this incident was very minor. Many people came up to our staff members and complimented us on our student's fine behavior. We stand very high on our Indian traditional heritage and we want to respect our Indian way by showing our visitors how hospitable we can be. So please fellow students, talk to your roommates, friends, and fellow students to have complete respect the weekend of April 26.

We are looking forward to hosting our school pow wow because we have worked very hard toward this event. We hope that all of our staff members and their families will attend because this may be the last event EVER in the history of our Chilocco School and we do want this event to be a memorable one.

"The Chilocco Indian Club " and Sponsor

Staff Opinion Poll of the Closing of Chilocco

The following is a survey of some of the staff members opinions about Chilocco's closing and what they intend to do when it does close.

Genelle Myer

I feel that closing Chilocco will be a great loss to the Indian people and a shame. I plan to go back to school.

Tom Hardin

I feel that Chilocco School had more opportunities for students than any other Indian school that I know about. I plan to retire from Civil Service employment and try to find another job until I become at least 62.

Jim Larney

The Chilocco School should keep operating but closing will be a loss to many Indian students who would want an academic and Vocational program at the same time. I am not sure what my plans are.

James Salmon

I feel that Chilocco has more opportunities than all other BIA schools. In conjunction with academic subjects, Chilocco offers a wide variety of vocational subjects which I feel would benefit students greatly in competitive society. I plan to open a small engine repair shop on my place in Newkirk, Okla. To all the students at Chilocco I hope you will continue with your education while you are still young. Good Luck.

Francis Kirkland

I feel that Chilocco's closing will be a great loss to the Indian students and employees, as it is a unique school offering a fine vocational, general education and special education program. Many students that have graduated from Chilocco have gone on to college and have become doctors, lawyers, teachers and many other fields in society. Many students have learned the necessary skills in the vocations here at Chilocco and are making a good living and have more than paid the government back through taxes for what it cost the government to educate him or her. The special education program here at Chilocco is one of the best in the BIA system. This will be a sad day for me when Chilocco closes it's doors and the "light on the prairie" is finally extinguished. I will sorely miss the students and the many friends that I made here at the school.

Opal Cloud

It is a great injustice for our Indian children and staff to have Chilocco closed. It will always be remembered.

Pat Roach

Hopefully all the students will go to another school (either boarding or public) and finish their education. I plan to finish work on my master's degree and work somewhere while going to school.

George Dunagan

I have seen several other BIA boarding schools and in my opinion the one which has the most to offer the students is being closed. I do not want to see the school close, partly because I have been here at Chilocco for 11 years, and partly because I know without a doubt that some young people are going to stop and not continue their education. I do not know what I am going to do at this time.

Al Wilson

I feel that it is a sad day for the Indian community that Chilocco is closing. I am very disappointed in that a time when education of Indian youth should be highly stressed and Indian school is being closed. The loss of this school is immeasurable. I feel that Chilocco served the Indian community well and should be commended for their service. I wish all the students good luck in locating another school and to be successful in their endeavors. I have no definite plans for the future, although, I would like to stay involved in education in the Indian community.

Robert E. Tetreault

I believe that someone has made a frightful and very damaging mistake by the closing of this fine institution of education. I feel sorry for the number of students who have made or found a home her at Chilocco only to be booted out again by the politicians' whims and total disregard of the Indian population rights. Indians, in my mind, once again take a shot in the back from their people in a place of authority. The school is a fine and outstanding place for young Indian people to gain some knowledge and enter the working world with the knowledge to take and handle employment positions which no other Indian school can boast of in this country, yet, THEY choose to close our school. I would like to wish all the students who will be leaving this school all the luck and success in the world.

Rupert Cooper

Chilocco has been a second home for many Indian youth over the years and on June 15, 1980 we will discontinue providing that "home away from home" through no fault of the staff or students at this institution. I for one will miss the interaction and friendships I have had with many, many students that have passed through my printing class over the 16 years I have been associated with Chilocco. My many friends among the staff will leave a void that will not soon pass. I only hope that the students can still profit from this sad experience and continue their education elsewhere. My plans are indefinite at this time.

Thelma Hanshew

I feel that it is too bad that we at Chilocco are victims of poor management here at the school. Our students will suffer and our staff will suffer. I will be forced to retire. I am planning to do some traveling with my husband when the school is closed. We are going to Alaska this summer.

Karl G. Stone

I think a great injustice is being done to the Indian youth. I feel they are being deprived of a Vocational Education that cannot be found in any other BIA school. Many students will probably not return to school after Chilocco closes. I have no plans for myself at this time.

Mrs. Dixie Owen

I deeply regret that Chilocco is closing. My best wishes go with all the students and staff. Our plans are to work and live in Washington, D.C., but our hearts will always have a soft spot for Chilocco.

Dee L. Gregory

The closing of Chilocco on June 15, 1980 closes the door of "Opportunity" for a number of Indian youth who need to be admitted through this door as a means of preparing for the future. The closing comes at a time when the Indian youth will need a skill that will enable them to compete with other people in the labor market. Where will there be found a school that offers the Indian youth a form of education that permits them to enter any school of higher education. Where will a place be found that will enable the Indian youth to become proficient in a vocation that will help him to be able to compete for jobs. Chilocco is an ideal place because of the student population, the interest of the staff and the facilities for training. It is regretable that the "powerful dollar sign" erases the true purpose and value of the school system. The future will prove that any dollar savings made by the closing of Chilocco will be very little when compared to the over all earning capabilities of the many students that could be served. The facade used as a basis for closing Chilocco brings to memory these words: "And now among the fading embers, these in the main are my regrets. When we are right, no one remembers, when we are wrong no one forgets."

Emaylne Collins

Even though Chilocco's fires have been extinguished, so to speak, the embers will never go out. As long as the grass grows and the rivers flow (a famous line in the white man's treaties) Chilocco's embers will burn on and on. Chilocco Alumni number in the thousands. It is sad this source of getting an education by our Indian youth has been ended. What more can be said? We all will feel the unfairness, the sadness, the anger and the helplessness in the face of the big political machines. An era has ended and I only hope our Indian children will find another source to meet their needs.

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SENIOR PROFILES

JIM BEAUDREAU is a 17 year old Sioux from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Jim has been here for only 4 months. He says Chilocco is okay. After he graduates he plans to work or go to college.

Good Luck Jim!

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TROY EDWARDS is an 18 year old Seminole Indian from Seminole, Oklahoma. He has participated in basketball and has been here for only one year and thinks Chilocco is a pretty good place. He plans to work this summer and attend college next fall.

Good Luck Troy!

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INSEY HOLMAN is an 18 year old Choctaw from Oklahoma City,Oklahoma. She has been going to school here for 4 years. While here she particapated in Pep Club and was the Secretary & Treasure for the Senior Class and also was Basketball Queen of 1979-80. She says Chilocco is a good school to get an good education and has many opportunies. After she graduates she plans to go to work then on to college in the fall.

Good Luck Insey!

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BRIAN KEMBLE is an 18 year old Ponca Indian from Ponca City, Oklahoma. He says Chilocco is alright. He plans to attend college next fall.

Good Luck Brian!

PATTY LEEMHUIS is an 18 year old Caddo & Seminole from Binger, Oklahoma. She has been going to school here for 4 years. While here at Chilocco she participated in Pep Club, Key Club and also was Editor of the school newspaper. After she graduates her plans are to go to work then on to college.

Good Luck Patty!

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SHERRY LEWIS is an 18 year old Potawatomi & Kickapoo from Topeka, Kansas. She has been here for 4 years and participated in Pep Club and Key Club here and thinks Chilocco is a pretty nice school, and will always remember it as a nice school and enjoys it here. She plans to work and go to college afterwards.

Good Luck Sherry!

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DAMON McCARTY is an 18 year old Chickasaw & Ponca from Chilocco, Oklahoma. He has been going to school here for 1 year. While here he was also the Senior Class President. He says Chilocco is a good school that has a lot of opportunities. After graduation he plans to work and if people quit buggin him about college.

Good Luck Damon!

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CONNIE MOORE is an 17 yr. old Pawnee & Otoe Indian from Oklahoma City, Okla. She has been going to Chilocco for 1 year. She says Chilcco is a really good school, if it could only stay open. After she graduates she is thinking about joining the Air Force.

Good Luck Connie!

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DONNIE MORTON is an 19 year old Arapaho from Anadarko, Oklahoma. He has been here for 4 years while here he has particapated in Football and was also Vice President of the Senior Class. He says Chilocco is alright. After graduation he plans to work.

Good Luck Donnie!

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SUMMER SHEMAYME is a 17 year old Kiowa, Caddo and Sac&fox Indian from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. While here at Chilocco she was Vice President of the Pep Club. She says Chilocco is a nice school, has many nice people and will really miss it next year. Her plans after graduation are to go to Haskell Jounior College then to Brigham Young University to Major in Engineering (geographical.)

Good Luck Summer!

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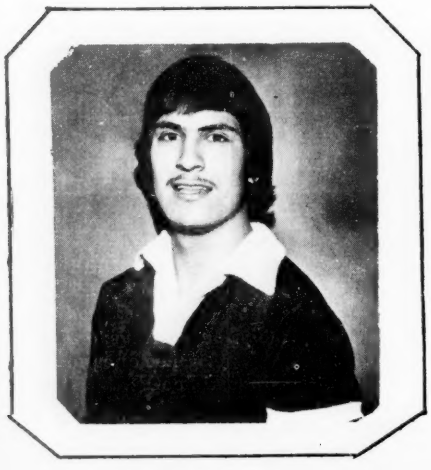
ETHALEEN WILSON is a 18 year old Choctaw from Philadelphia, Mississippi. She has been going to school here for 4 years and participated in basketball, softball, Pep Club and also was Football Queen of 1979-80.

She says Chilocco is alright. After she graduates she plans to go to college.

Good Luck Ethaleen!



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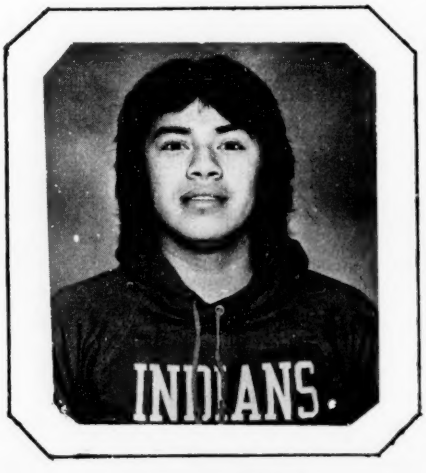

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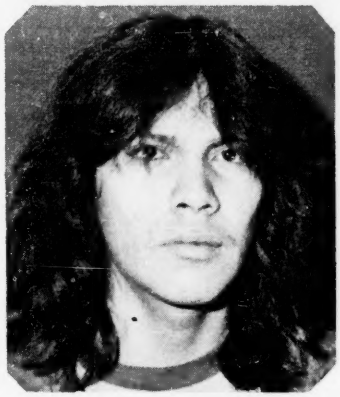

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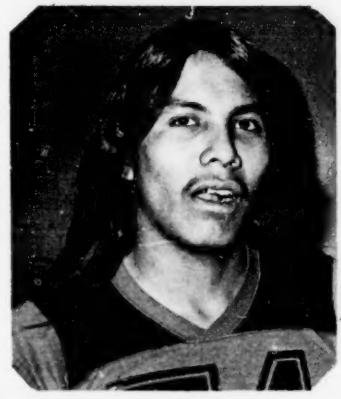
DAMON McCARTY

CLASS of 1980

CONNIE MOORE



DONNIE MORTON

SUMMER SHEMAYME

ETHALEEN WILSON

Chilocco Students Say Farewell

As the end of another school year approaches, we the students at Chilocco Indian School, take time out from last minute completions of assignments, class requirements and social activites to reflect upon a final school year. For many of us, Chilocco Indian School has represented one to four years of interaction with fellow students, in addition to guidance and cooperation from Chilocco staff members.

We, as previous students and graduates of Chilocco Indian School have been richlv rewarded with knowledge and learning experiences in all phases of our lives. Chilocco Indian School has continously offered young Indian men and women a chance for betterment for themselves and has shown repeated successes for the American Indian.

Perhaps the final stanza of the poem by Robert Frost entitled, "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" serves as a reminder to students to not stop their education because of Chilocco closure.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."

Too bad Chilocco is closing, I really wish it wouldn't. I will most likely go to another school this fall, Riverside, California.

Debbie Spears

Hopefully, I'll make it in another school, but when I finally graduate, it won't be with the same happiness it would have been if I was able to graduate from here.

Dorsette Joseph

I don't think its a good idea but if it closes I will go to school at Sequoyah Indian School in Tahlequah, Ok.

Fenton Hamilton

I don't think its too cool—we need this school. I plan to work or go to college after graduation

Jim Beaudreau

I think it's depriving Indian students out of a vocational and acadenic education. I plan to go to Riverside School in California.

Mike Williams

It isn't right we need this school. I still plan to finish school even if it closes.

Steve Wakolee

It shouldn't be closed but if it does I'll try and finish school somewhere.

Stacy Morgan

It shouldn't be closed but if it does I have no idea what I will do.

Sherrel Vasquez

I feel bad about the closing. I guess I will start college next fall.

Winona Willett

They shouldn't close it down because its the only Vo-Tech school in the state of Oklahoma. I would like to become a businessman.

Guy Thomas

I don't think it schould be closed but since I have started a vocation I plan to go to a Vo-Tech school elsewhere.

Eason Howe

it's a shame that they would close it down. I plan to go to Riverside School in Anadarko, OK – hopefully.

Authur Hill

It should stay open. I don't know what to do next year.

Anthony Dent

I feel pretty bad about the closing. I guess I will go to work after graduation.

Troy Edwards

They shouldn't close it because it has more opportunities that other schools. I plan to attend college next year.

Insey Holman

I think it should not close because of vocational education. I will do whatever comes next after May 9th.

Paul Whitehorn

Its closing deprives many students out of an education. I will definitely finish school then either work or join the Marines.

Dan Willis

I feel bad about its closing but I plan to finish school.

Jasper Roberts

I wish it would stay open. I guess I will go to Intermountain School.

Jim Hart

I think its a shame and will hurt Indian youth. I'll go to Intermountain School next year.

Rick Wolfname

I wish it wouldn't close because most likely I will get drafted. But in case they don't initiate the draft I would like to attend a Job Corps Center.

Ralph Dent

I don't know what to do when the school closes; I guess I will have to find another school but I really wish Chilocco would stay open.

Sharon Pesewonit

The closing of Chilocco will definitely be a mistake. I think the government is wrong in closing the school. When Chilocco closes I'll either have to go to a public school or decide what other Indian school to attend.

Kim Merriman

Well, I sure wish it wouldn't close. There is still a lot of things to be accomplished around Chilocco. It has a lot to offer Indian youth. I feel badly the government hasn't given us a chance to continue. It's really sad to hear Chilocco is closing. I really haven't thought of what school I will attend next year. After next year I was thinking of attending Kicking Horse Junior College in Montana, but ain't too sure.

Jennifer McDonald

Chilocco Art Classes Attend Concho Indian School Art Festival

On Thursday, April 24 the Chilocco Art classes with their teacher Sandy Wilson attended the Concho Fine Arts Festival at Concho Indian School at Concho, Oklhoma.

Winners from Chilocco in the various classes are as follows:

SPECIAL CATEGORY CRAFTS:
1st—Wendell Mesteth—Stone Sculpture
2nd—Marcia Beach—Painted Skull
3rd—Debbie Spears—Card Weaving

GOD'S EYE
1st—Tena Cheromiah—Set of 3 God's Eyes
2nd—Cheryl Warrior—God's Eye
3rd—Teri Toppah

MACRAME
1st—Lisa Stabler

CREATIVE WRITING
Honorable Mention—Sophia Biggoose—Poetry

GRAPHICS
1st—Karen Testerman—Silkscreen Print
2nd—Vincent Doyeto—Scratchboard
3rd—Brenda Johnson—Linoleum Blockprint
Honorable Mention—Karen Means—Linoleum Blockprint

TO ALL CHILOCCO PITCH PLAYERS MAY YOU DRAW A SEVEN-TIME HAND FROM NOW ON. IT HAS BEEN ENJOYABLE OVER THE YEARS.

Mystery Girl

This Week's Mystery Spotlight girl is a 19 year old Ponca. Her hometown is Ponca City, Okla. She stands 5'5" and has brown eyes and reddish brown hair. Her favorite food is Mexican food to go along with a Coke. She is under the sign of Aries. Her favorite song is "I Can't Tell You Why." Her favorite group is Isley Brothers. Her pastime is spent listening to music.

COUPLES CORNER

Summer Shemayme -N- Anthony Dent
Nadine Suina -N- Ralph Dent
Jackie Murphy -N- Ernie Holmans
Berta Means -N- Jim Hart
Patty Leemhuis -N- Paul WhiteHorn
Insey Holman -N- Clay Dorsey
Marilyn Franklin -N- Elden CallsHim
Antoinette LaDeaux -N- Peter FlyingHorse
Linda Neadeau -N- Phillip Pipestem
Alane Eyle -N- Chris WhiteHorn
Sherrel Vasquez -N- Dan Willis
Faith Wilson -N- Steve Dixon
Ethaleen Wilson -N- Malcom Whitebird
Tena Cheromiah -N- Sterling Blaine
Gerlinda Magoosh -N- Danial Morgan
Mary Lou Pappan -N- Blaine Mitchell
Ramona Moore -N- Simon King
Gina CallsHim -N- John Desjarlait
Karen Means -N- Leonard Gorman

Mystery Boy

This Weeks Mystery Spotlight boy stands 5'10 and has black hair and brown eyes. He is a 19 year old Junior from Philadelphia, Miss. His favorite food is Mexican and cold sprite on the side. He has no favorite song or group. His pastime is spent playing basketball or anything having to do with sports.

WHO IS HE ??

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Simon King 5-03
James Beaudreau. 5-05
Selena Thompson 5-09
Marie Romero. 5-13
Brenda Keeble 5-23
Carolyn Steeprock. 5-25
John Desjarlait 5-27
Brenda Johnson 5-29

SENIOR PROPHECY

As we look into the future it is 1990 and the eleven seniors that graduated from Chilocco on May 9, 1980 have found their niche in society.

DAMON McCARTY and DONNIE MORTON have joined forces in Anadarko, Ok. and started their own Body and Fender Shop. Work seems to be pretty good they are both driving Mercedes but they must be so busy they can't even fix the dents they have in their own cars.

SUMMER SHEMAYME finally found her place in the sun. She moved to Hawaii since she got tired of people calling her either "fall or winter" its always summer in Hawaii. Incidently she married Anthony Dent and they are raising many little "Dents" now.

INSEY HOLMAN tried to join the McCarty and Morton company but found two is ideal but 3 makes a crowd especially if one is a woman and the other 2 are men. She formed her own business selling autmotive supplies and she finally made her husband Clay Dorsey, a junior-partner after 6 years apprentice training.

TROY EDWARDS is now a well known basketball professional with the Philadelphia 76ers. He is was the guard in the recent NBA playoffs in which the 76ers won the national title. His little wife Teresa was very excited because she handles all the money in their family and his share of the winnings was $50,000. That's a lot of clothes and traveling for Teresa.

BRIAN KEMBLE finally made it big in welding. After studying under Frances Kirkland he gained enough experience he was able to buy one of the largest welding shops in Ponca City, Ok. He is still single but now is worth a half million dollars. He is having a hard time fighting off the women.

JIM BEAUDREAU started out in Brian Kemble's Welding Shop but was spotted by a Hollywood talent scout and now is staring in "Charlies Angels" eat your heart out girls.

SHERRY LEWIS went into printing soon after graduation at the American Yearbook Company in Topeka, Ks. It was long before she found that "right man" though and is a busy and happy housewife with 4 kids.

CONNIE MOORE joined partners with her sisters Leah and Ramona and are now operating a cooperative farm in Farmington, New Mexico. They found a cheap way to covert salt water into fresh water for irrigation. This has made cool millions for them-just goes to show you 3 heads are better than one.

PATTY (Leemhuis) WHITEHORN took over Mr. Cooper job as head instructor in printing at Riverside Indian School. She has had to take a leave of absence for they are expecting their first born. I guess she has been too busy these last ten years to take time out for children. Congradulations Patty and Paul.

ETHALEEN (Wilson) WHITEBIRD decided to seek her fortune out west. She made it as far as Needles, California where her and Malcolm started their own Cosmetic Company. They developed a lotion that pervents you in the extreme heat-it's usually in the 100's year-round at Needles, Calif.

The old Crystal Ball is clouding up now and we can barely make out what else is going on with these Chilocco graduates. We do know that they all seem happy and were never disappointed they attended and graduated from Chilocco Indian School.

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Walter Means
Why is Chilocco closing? Many different reasons are given. None of them truthfully varify that there is no need for Chilocco. This school was started and developed to put the Indian youth on a same equality as non-Indians. Up until now years of student development and student graduation into the national work force has proven a need for Chilocco. Many, many people have spent their life in a more profitable environment because Chilocco has trained the Indian youth to be competitive with everyone. Chilocco has placed students all over the U.S.A. Some have fell by the way side while others have proven well. Chilocco students are like others, they need a place that understands them for more than a dollar sign and equal only to a piece of machinery. For example $15,000 a year for providing an education is to much. They say it is outlandish but a new car at $4,500 to $10,000 is okay. A tractor can cost $15,000 and up. A student can and will be a taxpayer while a piece of equipment will not. This school has students and will continue if the treaty is lived up to. The treaty tells us that Chilocco will stay open as long as we have students and a need for education. This will happen as long as the grass grows. The students are here—the grass is still growing. Who can say we need Chilocco no more? Hasn't closing Chilocco abused our Constitution? No real excuse, this action looks "fishy." Will some one tell the real truth?

Claudine and David King
The closing of Chilocco is a sad thing for us because we are Alumni, and for those young Indians who need a school like this. We will stay in Newkirk for a while.

E. G. Anderson
My family and I have lived on the Chilocco School campus for 11 years. We have a special fondness for the school. I have worked with students for many years—some of my best school years have been with Chilocco students and staff.

Wanda Armstrong
I think the closing of Chilocco is a very sad thing. It's still greatly needed by many Indian young people. I will be transferring to Riverside Indian School on May 5 to work in Pupil Personnel Service.

COUPLE OF THE WEEK

Nadine Suina and Ralph Dent have been chosen the Couple of the Week.

Nineteen year old Nadine Suina is a Taos-Pueblo Indian from Taos, New Mexico. She has brown hair to match her brown eyes. She is born under the sign of Aries. Her favorite food is Mexican, to go along with some iced tea. Her favorite song is "Sweet and Simple" by Journey. Her favorite group is the Eagles. Her pastime is being with Ralph and playing pinball.

Ralph Dent who is also nineteen is of the Taos and Otoe tribes, from Perry, Oklahoma. He has long black hair and brown eyes. He was born under the sign of Sagittarius. His favorite drink is coke or J. D. He has no favorite food. His favorite group is Kansas, but his favorite song is "Flirting With Disaster" by Molly Hatchet. His pastime is being with Nadine and playing pinball.

They have been going together for three months.

NICKNAMES

Clay Dorsey . . . . . Peaches
Insey Holman . . . . . Baby Girl
Elden Callshim . . . . . Flash
Marilyn Franklin . . . . . Mooney
Manuel Charley . . . . . .Spanky
Sophia Biggoose . . . . . .Seal Pup
Malcolm Whitebird . . . . . Spud
Ethaleen Wilson . . . . . .Cheech
John Desjarlait . . . . . Kandy
Gina Callshim . . . . . .Jim-Bo
Blaine Mitchell . . . . . T-Bow
Mary Lou Pappan . . . . . .Half-pint
Steve Dixon . . . . . .Mac
Faith Wison . . . . . Cheeta
Chris Whitehorn . . . . . Hat
Alane Eyle . . . . . Gracie
Margaret Testerman . . . . . Margo
Karen Goodteacher . . . . . Bo-Bo
Jackie Murphy . . . . . .Cindy
Selena Thompson . . . . . .Cinda
Simon King . . . . . Learch
Mona Moore . . . . . Smiley
Mary Gayton . . . . . Bop
Cheryl Warrior . . . . . Bo-Dine
Sylvia Hickman . . . . . Silver
Mona Mathews . . . . . .Bear
Christine Callshim . . . . . .Dragon
Anthony Dent . . . . . Baby Cakes
Stacey Morgan . . . . . .Sam
Winona Willett . . . . . Wine-o
Linda Neadeau . . . . . .Skin

Post Grad of the Month

Post Graduate Boy of the Month is Leonard Gorman. He is a Navajo from Chinle, Arizona. His eyes are brown and his hair is black. He was born under the sign of Sagit tarius. His favorite food is Chinese food and to go along with it H2O. His favorite song is Navajo Indian Song with the Navajo group. His pastime is partying around. He says Chilocco is alright. He's been here only four months.

Good Luck Leonard!

Post Grad of the Month

Post Graduate Girl of the Month is Winona Willett. She is a Caddo-Seminole-Creek Indian from Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Her eyes are black and her hair is dark brown. She was born under the sign of Capricorn. Her favorite food is Rice Oriental and her favorite drink is Mountain Dew. Her favorite song is "Love and Desire" and favorite group is Arpeggio. Her pastime is playing pool and basketball or just messing around. She says Chilocco has been okay. She has been here four years.

Good Luck Winona!

Song Dedications

To: Donnie & Roger . . . . . ."Your A Fren To Me"
To: Teachers Fr. Me . . . . . ."Brick On The Wall"
To: Steve Fr: Faith . . . . . .One Of A Kind"
To: Clay Fr: Insey . . . . . "Aint No Stopping Us Now"
To: Class Of 80 . . . . . ."This Is It"
To: Spud Fr: Silver . . . . . "Your My Best Fren"
To: Paul Fr: Patty . . . . . "Your The Only One For Me"
To: Manuel Fr: Sophia . . . . . "Loving You"
To: Faith & Stev Fr: Sophia . . . . . "Two Of A Kind"
To: Spud Fr: Ethalene . . . . . ."Never Let You Go"
To: Donnie Fr: Silver . . . . . ."We Are Frens"
To: Patty Fr: Paul . . . . . ."Always & Forever"
To: Patty,Sherry, Faith, Ethalene, and Sharon Fr: Silver . . . . . ."Party Hardy"
To: Spud & Cheech . . . . . "Never Can Say Good-bye"
To: Class Of 80 . . . . . ."Party Hardy"
To: Sylvia Fr: Patty . . . . . "Disco Lady"
To: Manuel Fr: Sophia . . . . . ."Our Love"
To: Donnie Fr:?? . . . . . .Smiling Faces Sometimes"
To: K.G.T.,S.V.,L.N.,B.G.,and S.M. Fr: Brenda Keeble . . . . . ."Miss You"
To: Gilbert Fr, Brenda . . . . . ."Wishing On A Star"
To: Simon Fr: Brenda . . . . . "A Fren In You"
To: Salmon Fr: B.K. . . . . "The Joker"
To: Steve Fr: Faith . . . . . "Babe, I Love You"
To: Sterling Fr: Tina . . . . . "Fantasy Love Affair"
To. Patty Fr: Sherry . . . . . "Thank You For Being A Fren"
To: Patty Fr: Margo . . . . . ."Good Times"
To: Faith & Steve Fr: Margo . . . . . ."So Good Together"
To: Dovita & Delinda Fr: Dorsett . . . . . "I'll Be There"
To: Cinderalla Fr: Ponca Gals . . . . . ."Your A Fren To Us"
To: Jim B. Fr: S.O.S. . . . . "Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is"
To: Ponca Gals Fr: Cinderalla . . . . . ."Thank You For Bing A Fren"
To: Dragon Fr: Half-pint . . . . . "Super Soul Sister"
To: Earl Fr: Bops . . . . . "Busting Out"
To: Home 6 Fr: Home 5 . . . . . "Chain Of Fools"
To: Tena Fr: Rumbles . . . . . "Thank You For Being A Fren"
To: Kim Decorah Fr: Y.K.W . . . . . "Dolly's Favorite"
To. M.L.P. & B. M. . . . . "Together Forever"
To: Tena & Sterling Fr: Y.K.W . . . . . "Love Will Find A Way"
To: Steve Wakolee . . . . . "Baby Face"
To: Hanshew Fr: BooBoo . . . . . "To Busy Thinking About My Baby"
To: Nadine Fr: Ralph . . . . . "Love Me Tender"
To: Mr. Means Fr: B.T. Students . . . . . "Working Day And Night"
To: Kim D., Debbie S., Christine C.H., and Mary Lou P. . . . . "Super Soul Sisters"
To: Ponca Babes Fr:Half-Pint . . . . . "We Are Family"
To: Eason Howe . . . . . ."Oh Honey"
To: Wine-o . . . . . "Falling In Love Again"
To. Christine CallsHim . . . . . "Last Of The Red Hot Dragon"
To: Cheromiahs Fr: Tena . . . . . ."Don't Call Me I'll Call You"